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LP-Gas Fueled Construction Heater Recall

The Massachusetts Office of the State Fire Marshal has become aware of a potential fire hazard involving an LP-gas fueled construction heater. This heater was withdrawn from the market by its manufacturer/distributor, DESA, LLC of Bowling Green, Kentucky.

The heater in question is sold under four different trade names and model numbers.

Reddy Heater RCP80VC

Master Heater TC80VC

Universal Heater 80CC

All-Pro Heater SP80CC

All of the withdrawn convection style heaters were manufactured between June 2005 and November 2005 and have serial numbers between **17390000** and **17632220**. The potential hazard is that these heaters may generate enough heat to cause floor discoloration and may possibly ignite wood, carpet, linoleum or other combustible floors.

It is our understanding that the manufacturers have notified retailers of this problem and, further, have ordered the removal of heaters from the shelves. There is a chance that small retailers may not be aware of the problem and may be continuing to sell the units. These heaters are sold at lumberyards, home improvement stores, farm supply stores, rental stores, hardware stores and "big box stores".

Members of the Code Compliance & Enforcement Unit of the Office of the State Fire Marshal have today spoken with the manufacturer to ensure distribution of the recall notice and have notified the USCPSC.

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